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Subject:RE: Enbridge Line 3 question

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Hi Scott,

I think I've gotten to the bottom of your question. Here is our answer and you can attribute it to the DNR:

"Enbridge has received permission from the DNR to conduct pre-construction activities on DNR administered state lands. These activities include civil and environmental survey and geotechnical boring. Geotechnical boring is a preconstruction activity. It is a below ground investigation of the soil strata to establish its compressibility, strength, and other characteristics likely to influence a construction project, and prepare a subsurface profile and soil report. Permission for these activities are done in the form of a lease.

"Per your specific questions about Ball Bluff: Without a legal description of the location of the activity being inquired about, we are unable to determine if it is work being completed 1) on State or privately owned land, 2) is related to the proposed Line 3 Replacement project or 3) is related to other existing Enbridge pipelines that were previously licensed. The DNR has received only one other similar inquiry about work Enbridge is conducting."

Chris